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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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## 3 MINUTE RETREAT

Would you like to spend 3 quiet meaningful minutes in focused reflection this Lent? These peaceful prayer breaks can be found at [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com). Scroll down and click on 3 Minute Retreat.

## WEEKLY MEDITATION

In today's second reading, we are asked to live as children of light. In order to do this we must take no part in the fruitless works of darkness. What areas of our lives do we need to expose and bring into conformity with the thoughts of God? This week, let us ask Jesus to help us overcome our individual darkness and become children of light.

*We, the blended Catholic community of St. Ignatius Loyola, draw strength from Word and Sacrament, especially in the celebration of the Eucharist. Modeling Christ's work, we embrace our commitment to God's call. We remain faithful to the shared acts of prayer, study and service.*

*Together we extend Christ's hospitality to others and light the path of peace for generations to come.*

“Knowing God is more important than knowing about God.” - Karl Rahner, S.J.

## Letter from Bishop Bambera

March 16, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Effective immediately, and until further notice, I have suspended the celebration of Masses open to the public and all public gatherings in all diocesan parishes, worship sites, college campuses, chapels and health care facilities in the eleven counties of the Diocese of Scranton.

Churches of the Diocese will remain open daily for individual private prayer. The timeframe for each parish is to be determined by its pastor or parish life coordinator. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass during this time remains in effect.

Scheduled sacramental celebrations such as weddings, baptisms or funerals will be permitted, but attendance will be limited to immediate family members and follow any guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation will be available, when requested individually, by the faithful in cases of serious need.

It deeply saddens me to take this temporary action, knowing the depth of your faith and your desire to celebrate the Holy Eucharist on a regular basis. In light of continued concerns surrounding COVID-19, and upon the advice of medical experts, it is clear that we, as a faith community, must do our part in order to help slow the spread of this virus.

The number of faithful souls who filled our churches this past weekend, even with the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass, was deeply consoling to me. As you always have, so many of you are turning to your faith as the surest place where we will find God's peace, consolation and hope.

Unfortunately, the presence of such great numbers of worshippers in our churches is not serving our efforts to help mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus. In an effort to prevent overwhelming our hospitals and health care facilities, national, state and local leaders have urged people to avoid large gatherings of people and keep appropriate social distancing from one another.

As your bishop, in addition to the care of souls, the safety and health of all of our faithful parishioners, friends and those we welcome through our outreach and service, is of utmost importance to me. As such, the decision that I have announced, while difficult, is the best way for us to work together to serve the common good of all, both in our parishes and in our communities.

During these challenging times, it is also crucial that we not forget who we are as Christians. May we continue to offer, in whatever way we can, care and concern for those who are most vulnerable, including the poor, our senior citizens and those who are ill. I also urge those who can do so to maintain support for your parishes during these difficult days in order to sustain the ministries and outreach services for parishioners and those most in need.

Despite the suspension of public Masses, a private Mass will be celebrated daily in the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton, and made available on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton. On weekdays, the Mass will be broadcast at 12:10 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. On weekends, the Saturday Vigil Mass will be broadcast at 4:00 p.m. and rebroadcast on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. The Masses will also be streamed on the Diocese of Scranton's website ([www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org)), made available on the Diocese of Scranton's social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) and will be accessible on the Diocese of Scranton's YouTube channel.

Additional resources for individual parishioners to deepen their faith during Lent are also available on the Diocese of Scranton's website.

During this sacred season of Lent, we are being asked to sacrifice more than ever before – particularly with the loss of cherished religious practices, most especially the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. May we do so mindful of the selfless sacrifice of Jesus and for the sake of our brothers and sisters who are most vulnerable and in need of our help.

The Diocese of Scranton continues to monitor the rapidly evolving health situation regarding the coronavirus. We are constantly monitoring directives from national, state and local officials. This policy will be reassessed on a regular basis, in addition to the plans for Holy Week and Easter.

God bless you and keep each of you in His care. Let us continue to pray for one another.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

† *Joseph C. Bambera*

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.

Bishop of Scranton



### A Message from Msgr. Tressler and Fr. Mosley

We know that these are distressing times for everyone, and we are sorry that we are not able to come together as a community to celebrate the Eucharist as we are accustomed. However, our priests will still celebrate private Masses on a daily basis for the good of the People of God, the Church, and the intentions of the day. The priests, through their prayer, will still bring your needs to Jesus, our divine physician and our mighty Savior.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives as Catholic Christians, and we anxiously await the moment when we can once again, publically, come together around the altar. We have to remember that we are always united in prayer, even if that prayer has to be carried out in the confines of our homes for the time being.

As Bishop Bambera stated in his letter, a private Mass will be celebrated daily from the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton, and made available on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton. The Masses will also be streamed on the Diocese of Scranton's website ([www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org)), made available on the Diocese of Scranton's social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) and will be accessible on the Diocese of Scranton's YouTube channel. Broadcast times will be listed below along with a prayer for you to make an Act of Spiritual Communion.

St. Ignatius Church will be open **daily** for private prayer from **2PM to 4PM**. Days and times will continue to be monitored and may be subject to change. We will make you aware of any further changes to this practice.

We will do our best to keep you informed of any other changes as they are made known to us. Be assured of our continued prayers for you, your families, our community and our world. Our refuge is in God who is our hope and our surest peace!

**Broadcast times for Masses from St. Peter's Cathedral**

Weekdays – Mass is broadcast at 12:10 PM, 3:30 PM, and 7:00 PM

Weekends – The Saturday Vigil Mass will be broadcast at 4:00 PM

This mass will be rebroadcast on Sunday morning at 10:00 AM

**An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things,

And I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

The Light is On Monday Confessions and our regular Saturday confessions are postponed until further notice. The individual celebration of Reconciliation can be arranged by contacting the parish office and asking to speak to one of our priests.

**ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINES FOR**

**UPCOMING BULLETINS:**

<u>BULLETIN</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
APRIL 5TH	MARCH 25TH
APRIL 12TH	APRIL 1ST
APRIL 19TH	APRIL 8TH

**ANNOUNCEMENTS RECEIVED AFTER**

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Louise Terruso  
Regina Eley

## **THANK YOU TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO SUPPORTED MOTHER TERESA'S HAVEN**

Throughout my time with you I have been deeply moved by the outpouring of support you provide for the well being of our parish as well as the greater community! There are so many wonderful individuals and groups within the parish working tirelessly to ensure we remain focused on our mission!

However, I must admit that the past two weeks that our parish has hosted the homeless shelter has humbled me beyond words. The two weeks allowed me to witness a parish committed to the two great commandments – Love God and Love Your Neighbor! And when asked who is my neighbor the Lord responded the least of your brothers and sisters.

Each night a meal was cooked, served and cleaned up always with a joyful spirit! There were all generations doing whatever they could to be sure these men were treated with dignity. For Father Mosley and I we had the privilege of praying as well as visiting these men who have faced many struggles. There were individuals who I had known from previous assignments and who so graciously sought me out to discuss their situation – it was very humbling!

Now I must express on behalf of the individuals who were fed and housed here in Conlan Hall for the past two weeks sincere gratitude for all that you did to assist. There were not only meals and a warm place to sleep, but countless members of the parish dropped off food items for the men to take without question, there were blankets, clothing and personal items available again without question for the men to choose what they might need. They were treated with dignity allowing them to choose what they might need. The most amazing thing was they were not greedy!

As we journey through this Lenten season please know that your practical and caring assistance did not go unnoticed! More importantly our loving God will be the granter of many blessings. It would be impossible for me to begin to list individual names since there were so many who assisted. THANK YOU for being the examples of Christ's love! Our parish is blessed!

God Bless You!  
Monsignor Tressler

*"God will not be outdone in generosity."  
St. Ignatius Loyola*

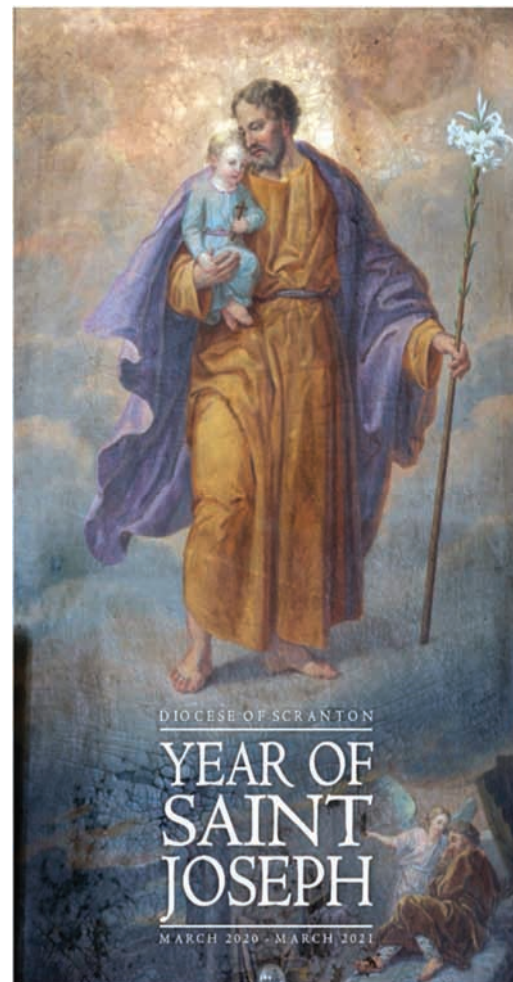
## CEMETERIES CLEAN UP

**Thursday, April 30th** is the final day to retrieve any decorations from the graves of your loved ones in St. Ignatius, St. Hedwig and St. Mary's cemeteries. This will enable the maintenance staff to prepare for the upcoming Spring and Summer season. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated. Please note, any decoration remaining after the April 30th cutoff date will be disposed of. Thank you.

## YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pope Pius IX's decree naming Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster-father of Jesus, as the Patron of the Universal Church. In commemoration of this anniversary and recognizing the fitting time for the Church to invoke the intercession of this guardian, His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera has declared this year as a "Year of Saint Joseph" to be observed in the Diocese of Scranton from March 19, 2020 to March 19, 2021. Bishop Bambera states, "Just as Saint Joseph watched over and protected the Lord Jesus while he was on earth, we need Saint Joseph to watch over and provide for the Church today. His intercession on behalf of the Universal Church is vital as the world faces so much upheaval and pain, and particularly as it confronts the uncertainty and pain of the coronavirus epidemic."

Bishop Bambera invites all of the faithful to renew their devotion to Saint Joseph during this commemorative year, and to seek his powerful intercession to safely guard the Church from all evils, just as he protected the Holy Family from harm. Please look for future opportunities and resources to celebrate this year in your parish.





**JEANNE R. BUTCHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

The Jeanne R. Butcher Memorial Scholarship Award was established by the family through an endowment with the Luzerne Foundation. Applicant is a graduating senior and must be a registered parishioner of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish and planning to enroll as an undergraduate in an accredited two-or-four college/university as a full-time student with demonstrated financial need. The student will receive the scholarship contingent upon the documented satisfactory academic and other related criteria used in the selection for the scholarship. Applications can be obtained from the Luzerne Foundation, 34 South River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 or by going to the website [luzfdn.org](http://luzfdn.org) or call 570-822-2065 or 570-714-1570. **Deadline for applications is April 15th.**

**SAVE THE DATES**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, April 25th** at Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes Barre, PA. The theme for this year is "Called to Fatherhood." More information can be obtained by checking the following webpage, [www.BeAManConference.com](http://www.BeAManConference.com) or by contacting Mike Kilmer at 570-746-0100.

The 3rd Annual Catholic Women's Conference, "Refresh Your Faith: Full of Grace" will be held on **Saturday, June 20th** at the University of Scranton Byron Center. Great speakers, Mass, Reconciliation, lunch and Catholic vendors. For information, please see [www.cwcnepa.com](http://www.cwcnepa.com) or call 570-872-8630.

**FOOD PANTRY**

Our pantry is in need of spaghetti and spaghetti sauce as well as peanut butter & jelly. Snack items like sandwich crackers, cereal bars and small bags of nuts are always needed. The personal care items currently needed include: bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste and tooth brushes. Cash and checks are welcome with checks payable to the "Al Beech Food Pantry." If you are in need of food and live on the west side from Exeter to Plymouth, please come to the pantry on Tuesday or Friday between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. You will be given a bag of food outside in the parking lot. No ID necessary during this emergency situation.

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## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass - 7:30 AM and 12:10 PM - Monday thru Friday  
7:30 AM - Saturday

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:00 & 5:30 PM - St. Ignatius Church  
Sunday - 7:00 & 8:30 AM - St. Ann's Chapel  
Sunday - 10:30 AM & 12:00 PM - St. Ignatius Church

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 11:00 AM - St. Ignatius Church and by appointment

## BAPTISM

Expectant and new parents are asked to participate in a seminar on Baptism. Please call the Rectory at 570-288-6446. Godparents are welcome to attend, though it is not required. Please call the rectory to register at your earliest convenience.

## MARRIAGE

Congratulations! You are asked to contact one of the parish priests at least six months before the date of your marriage so that the appropriate preparations can be made for this special celebration.

## VISITATION OF THE SICK

Please call the office for visitation of the sick at home, in the hospital, or health care facility.

## SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Urgent calls will be attended to at any time of the day or night.

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Grades 1-6 - Sunday morning from 9:15 AM to 10:20 AM.  
Grades 7-8 - Release Time Confirmation Program  
High School - Sunday Evenings (Monthly)

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register by calling the rectory. Those moving should inform the office as soon as possible.

## DEVOTIONAL LIFE

The Rosary is prayed after the 7:30 AM Mass daily and before the 8:30 AM Mass on Sundays at the Chapel of St. Ann. Eucharistic Adoration is held every Tuesday and Thursday after the 12:10 PM Mass until 2:00 PM. Eucharistic Adoration is also held the First Friday of the month at Saint Ignatius Church beginning at 12:45 PM concluding with Benediction at 4:00 PM. (September-May)

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

This is a process the Catholic Church uses to bring adult members into the faith. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this process or in obtaining more information can call the Rectory at 570-288-6446. This journey in faith is concerned with the total formation of the person into living and serving with the Church community.

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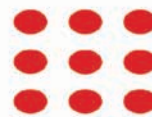


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